



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 6349  
Duncan AKPORIAYE et al. : Docket No. 00035/101053/G/LLS  
Serial No. 09/308,562 : Group Art Unit 1744  
Filed July 16, 1999 : Examiner Soubra, Imad

MULTIAUTOCLAVE FOR COMBINATORIAL  
SYNTHESIS OF ZEOLITES AND OTHER  
MATERIALS

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.118**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 2, 2002, the time for filing thereto being extended for two months in accordance with the Petition for Extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 18 as follows.

18. (Amended) A pressure and temperature reactor vessel comprising:
- a block defining plural openings that are closed at one end of said plural openings and are open at another end of said plural openings;
  - a closure member to seal said plural openings in a pressure tight manner at said another end of said plural openings; and
  - a locking device to force said closure member against said block such that said closure member seals said plural openings in a pressure tight manner at said another end of said plural openings so as not to be in fluid communication with one another, whereby the sealed plural openings define plural reaction chambers.